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Office Of The Secretary of State Washington

March 27, 1950

Dear Hilly:

Attached is the reply to your letter of 17 March, which you sent through me. If there are any questions let's get together and talk it over.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Bill

W. J. Sheppard
Deputy Director
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Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, Director of Central Intelligence Washington 25, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 1950

My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The Department welcomes your letter of March 17, 1950 in which you point out the need to review jointly the overseas communication requirements of the Department and the Central Intelligence Agency. The whole problem of world-wide communications, and particularly the problem of ensuring dependable communications in time of emergency, is now being studied by the Division of Communications of the Department. It is hoped that Central Intelligence Agency representatives will be able to participate in that phase of the problem which involves the working out of mutual interests of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department. Within the near future the Special Assistant, Intelligence, and the Division of Communications will be in touch with your Agency to arrange for joint consideration of this problem which is of such importance.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ James E. Webb

Under Secretary

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D. C.